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### **Stone, Tymniak Oppose Handcuffing State Government on Contracts**



“Almost everybody at home or at work hires contractors for a variety of services. Many people contract with companies to plow the snow, mow the lawn, clean the furnace and wash the windows. Why shouldn’t state government do the same?”

So said State Reps. Cathy C. Tymniak, R-133, and Jack Stone, R-134, in a statement on controversial legislation that has now passed the state legislature three times in two years, only to face a veto from Gov. M. Jodi Rell.

Reps. Stone and Tymniak voted against tying the hands of state government with legislation to impose roadblocks to hiring private contractors for state work. The legislation, however, passed the House 76-61 and the Senate 25-10, mostly along party lines.

The bill now goes to the governor who is considering a veto for a third time.

“The state needs flexibility in hiring outside contractors and we should not tie the hands of the governor in making these decisions,” said Rep. Stone. “Where companies can provide services economically, they should be allowed to do so. In that way, state government can focus on the things it does best.”

“There are many small businesses in Connecticut that do an efficient job in providing outstanding services for Connecticut citizens,” said Rep. Tymniak. “This was supposed to be the year the legislature became more business friendly and helped get the state economy back on track--not set up more restrictions to make Connecticut even more unfriendly to the business community.”